

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for processing integrated circuit devices, the method
2 comprising:
3 providing a monitor wafer, the monitor wafer comprising a silicon material;
4 introducing a plurality of particles within a depth of the silicon material,
5 whereupon the plurality of particles cause the silicon material to be in an amorphous state;
6 introducing a plurality of dopant particles into a selected depth of the silicon
7 material using an implantation tool, the amorphous state trapping the dopant particles;
8 subjecting the monitor wafer including the plurality of particles and dopant
9 particles into thermal anneal process to activate the dopant;
10 removing the monitor wafer;
11 measuring a sheet resistivity of a surface region including the implanted
12 dopant particles of the monitor wafer;
13 determining a dose of the dopant bearing impurities; and
14 operating the implantation tool using one or more production wafers if the
15 dose of the dopant particles in the monitor wafer is within a tolerance of a specification limit.
1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the monitor wafer is substantially free
2 of screen oxide overlying a surface of the monitor wafer.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of particles are silicon
2 bearing impurities.

1 4. The method of claim 3 wherein the silicon bearing impurities are
2 implanted using a dose of 1×10^{15} atoms/cm² and an energy of 20 keV.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the dopant particles are boron bearing
2 impurities.

1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the boron bearing impurities are
2 implanted using a dose ranging from about 5×10^{13} through 4×10^{14} atoms/cm² and an
3 energy ranging from about 1-2 keV.

1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the thermal anneal process is an RTP
2 process at about 700 Degrees Celsius.

1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the thermal anneal process is an RTP
2 process ranging from about 650 to 750 Degrees Celsius.

1 9. The method of claim 1 wherein the thermal anneal process is a rapid
2 thermal anneal process.

1 10. The method of claim 1 wherein the sheet resistivity is provided in a
2 separate tool.

1 11. The method of claim 1 wherein the operating of the production wafers
2 occurs for 24 hours after determining the dose of the dopant impurities.

1 12. The method of claim 1 wherein the thermal anneal process also
2 recrystallizes a portion of the amorphous silicon.

1 13. A method for processing semiconductor wafers, the method
2 comprising:

3 providing a monitor wafer, the monitor wafer comprising a crystalline
4 material;

5 introducing a plurality of particles within a depth of the material, whereupon
6 the plurality of particles cause the crystalline material to be in an amorphous state;

7 introducing a plurality of dopant particles into a selected depth of the
8 crystalline material in the amorphous state using an implantation tool, the amorphous state
9 trapping the dopant particles;

10 subjecting the monitor wafer including the plurality of particles and dopant
11 particles into thermal anneal process to activate the dopant;

12 removing the monitor wafer;

13 measuring a sheet resistivity of a surface region including the implanted
14 dopant particles of the monitor wafer;

15 determining a dose of the dopant bearing impurities; and

16 operating the implantation tool using one or more production wafers if the
17 dose of the dopant particles in the monitor water is within a tolerance of a specification limit.

1 13. The method of claim 12 wherein the crystalline material comprises
2 silicon.

- 1 14. The method of claim 12 wherein the dose of the dopant bearing
2 impurities is determined using a relationship between resistivity values and dose values.
- 1 15. The method of claim 14 wherein the relationship has been provided in
2 a spatial plot.
- 1 16. The method of claim 12 wherein the plurality of particles comprise
2 silicon bearing particles.
- 1 17. The method of claim 12 wherein the dopant bearing impurities
2 comprise boron species.
- 1 18. The method of claim 11 wherein the monitor wafer is substantially free
2 from an overlying oxide layer before introducing the dopant bearing impurities.
- 1 19. The method of claim 11 wherein the monitor wafer is silicon wafer.
- 1 20. The method of claim 11 wherein the one or more production wafers is
2 characterized by a shallow junction depth of less than about 40 nm.